

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

Amended independent claims:

1. A method for adapting a legacy software application, created from legacy source code and developed for an environment comprising a centralized computing resource interconnected to a series of computer terminal devices, to a network environment, wherein said network environment comprises a system of distributed, interconnected network computing resources, said method comprising the steps of:

utilizing said legacy source code to produce a series of executable software components that provide the functionality for interaction with the legacy software application, said components being executable by at least one of said computing resources in said network environment, and wherein upon execution, said computing resource is caused to interconnect with said legacy software application over said network so as to interact with said legacy software application in the transmission or receipt of information to and from said legacy software application.

14. A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for adapting a legacy software application created from legacy source code and developed for an environment comprising a centralized computing resource interconnected to a series of computer terminal devices, to a network environment, wherein said network environment comprises a system of distributed, interconnected network computing resources, said method comprising the steps of:

utilizing said source code to produce a series of executable software components that provide the functionality for interaction with the legacy software application, said components being executable by at least one of said computing resources in said network environment, and wherein upon execution, said computing resource is caused to interconnect with said legacy software application over said network so as to interact with said legacy software application in the transmission of receipt of information to and from said legacy software application.

27. A method for adapting a 4GL legacy software application including template definitions from which a legacy software application can be generated, comprising the steps of;

utilizing said template definitions to produce a series of software executable components, said components being executable by at least a computing resource in a network environment comprising a system of distributed, interconnected network computing resources, and wherein upon execution, said computing resource is caused to interconnect with the 4GL legacy software applications so as to interact with the legacy application in the transmission and receipt of information to and from the legacy application.

28. A system for adapting a legacy software application, created from legacy source code and developed for an environment comprising a centralized computing resource interconnected to a series of computer terminal devices, to a network environment, wherein said network environment comprises a system of distributed, interconnected network computing resources, the system comprising;

means utilizing said legacy source code to produce a series of executable software components for providing the functionality for interaction with the legacy software application, said components being executable by at least one of said computing resources in said network environment, and wherein upon execution, said computing resource is caused to interconnect with said legacy software application over said network so as to interact with said legacy software application in the transmission or receipt of information to and from said legacy software application.